LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debating point

Dear Sir—In a recent news story (14th Nov. 1974 *E&P*, p.1000) the first sentence reads: 'What is believed to be the first debate in the history of the IEE was held at Savoy Place recently', and this meeting is described in the closing sentence as 'an historic occasion'. Nevertheless, on the 25th February 1952 a debate was held at Savoy Place, the motion being: 'In the opinion of this house, the lone worker can no longer make a major contribution to radio development'. It was proposed by the late Geoffrey Parr; and being one of the rare breed of lone workers, I had the honour of leading the opposition, which, against all the odds, won easily. This result, I was convinced, was due mainly to the advocacy of Capt. P. P. Eckersley, who must surely have been the most consistently popular IEE speaker since 1871.—Yours faithfully,

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